

APRIL PLANTS.

(See Letter from the House of Education Students).

April.

- 7 Blackthorn.
- Bilberry.
- Maple.
- 8 Water Crowfoot.
- 9 Marsh Marigold.
- 10 Wild Hyacinth.
- Wild Cherry.
- 13 Cuckoo Flower.
- 15 Broom.
- 16 Melic Grass.
- 17 Gooseberry.
- Ground Ivy.
- Stitchwort.
- American Medlar.
- Lady's Mantle.
- Red Campion.
- Goldilocks.
- 18 Welsh Poppy.
- 20 Wild Plum.
- Marsh Violet.
- Purple Orchis.
- Garlic.
- White Violet.
- Sweet Sicily.
- 21 Tuberous Bitter Vetch.
- Herb Paris.
- Sycamore.
- 22 Jack by the Hedge.
- Birch.
- Water Avens.
- Forget-me-not.
- Wintercress.
- Cow Parsley.
- 23 Ribwort Plantain.
- 24 Woodruff.
- Dock.
- Sweet Vernal Grass.
- Hairy Bittercress.

April.

- 24 Sheep's Parsley.
- Milkwort.
- 26 Ash.
- Oak.
- Hop Trefoil.
- Speedwell.
- Bird Cherry.
- 27 Cowslip.
- Common Fennel.
- Hogweed.
- Potentilla Tormentilla.
- Ivy-leaved Toadflax.
- Cotton Grass.
- Soft Cranesbill.
- Good King Hal.
- Teesdalia.
- Horsetail.
- Climbing Conydis.
- Wild Currant.
- 28 Pansy.
- 29 Globe Flower.
- Spearwort.
- Carea Precoa.
- Blue Wood Violet.
- Plane.
- Meadow Grass.
- Soft Brome Grass.
- Lesser Speedwell.
- Rest Harrow.
- Glancous Carea.
- 30 Turnip.
- Lousewort.
- Shining Cranesbill.
- Bog Starwort.
- Meadow Pontail.
- Yellow Vetch.
- Wood Cranesbill.
- Valerian.

THE P.N.E.U. CONVERSAZIONE.

So few of the members of our Association were present at the *Conversazione* on June 11th, that perhaps a short account of that gathering will be of interest to many of the readers of our Magazine.

The *Conversazione* was held in the Portman Rooms, Baker Street; about 300 P.N.E.U. members and friends were present. The first part of the evening was devoted to speeches, and to the presentation of certificates to the ex-students of the House of Education, the latter part to conversation, and to the inspection of Natural History diaries and specimens of the handiwork of the House of Education students and children of the P.R.S.

The Earl of Meath, who had promised to take the chair, was unavoidably absent, and his place was filled by Dr. Schofield.

The Chairman, in his opening address, spoke of the growing need for such a union as the P.N.E.U., and of the splendid work which it is doing in the various fields which it covers, and he showed how it is growing and developing in all directions. He gave some valuable hints as to the formation of new branches, which may be of use to some of the isolated students. A healthy branch cannot be founded upon any imported enthusiasm, but must be the result of local effort and local wish. An enthusiastic outside speaker may for a time excite great interest in the work of the Union, and a branch may be formed, but unless this is supplemented by real deep-seated interest in the members of the new branch no lasting good will have been effected, and the branch must necessarily wither away. The best way to set to work is for scattered members or readers of the P.R. to get others interested in the *Review*; for these to meet together and talk over the thoughts which they find given, and then to form a branch. At this stage enthusiasm from outside will do a great deal in fanning into a steady flame the embers which are already smouldering.

Miss Mason was the next speaker. A short report of her speech will be found in another part of the Magazine.

Mrs. Francis Steinthal was next called upon. She had, she said, intended speaking upon the work of the Society, but found herself

forested by the Chairman; she, however, spoke on those parts of the work which he had left untouched—the Mother's Educational Course and the Library—showing how both these are accomplishing great things, and are promising to do still more in the future. She also spoke of the Society as one in which all are ready both to give and to take, thus carrying out Miss Mason's idea of humility.

The Chairman then asked Mrs. Dallas Yorke to present the certificates to the ex-students. Before doing this she gave a very interesting description of the House of Education, of its site, its surroundings, and of the work carried on there, dwelling specially on the atmosphere of enthusiasm which prevails, and which she attributes to the terms of loving intercourse on which the students live with Miss Mason. A few encouraging words were then addressed to the students themselves. Then followed the presentation of certificates. Unfortunately only 13 out of the 57 ex-students were able to be present, and to receive their certificates personally.

Mr. Rooper proposed the vote of thanks to the speakers. He gave a brief account of his connection with the work of the P.N.E.U., from the very first drawing room meeting up to the present time.

The vote was seconded by Mr. Flower, who represented the ex-students, and most appropriately so, since one of his daughters is an ex-student, a niece a present, and two more daughters future students.

The vote was most heartily carried.

After the speeches were over, the guests were asked to go into an adjoining room, where light refreshments were provided, whilst the larger room was cleared so as to enable people to move about and talk more comfortably.

A very pleasant hour was spent in conversation. The committee, all of whom wore badges so as to be easily recognized, were most kind in answering any questions on P.N.E.U. matters.

We students who were present spent a most delightful evening, and were only sorry that more of our fellow-students were not able to be with us.

Editorial Notes.

THE Editor is sorry not to have received any notes on Truthfulness—the subject given for discussion in this number. It will be seen from our President's letter that she thinks the idea of discussion a good one. The experiences of individual teachers certainly should prove useful to others. The Editor will therefore be glad to receive any papers or letters on Truthfulness for the next number.

All papers for the next number must be sent in to the different members of the Committee before November 24th.

Association Notes.

OUR badges are at last ready. Will those members who have not yet got one, but who wish for one, send to Miss Lanphier, Comlongon Castle, Ruthwell, N.B.

The badge is made in two forms—a brooch, price 5/9, and a pendant, 5/-.

The following members have been added to our number:—Miss Earwaker, Miss Edwards, Miss Beveridge, Miss M. Wallace, Miss Hughes-Jones, and Miss Martin. Miss May Culverhouse's name was omitted in the first section of the last list.

Mrs. Lamb has resigned her place on the Committee, and Miss Beatrice Reneau has been elected to fill the vacancy.

The annual subscription of 3/- is due in July. Will all members send it direct to their Committee Member, and so save them the trouble of writing for it? The Committee will forward all sums received to the Treasurer:

Miss Fagan,
Schoolhouse,
Uppingham.

Will all Members who change their address notify the same to the Committee Member of their year, and also to the Editor of the Magazine? If this were done it would save much trouble.

Our Association already pays its own way, as will be seen from the account published below. Later I hope we shall be able to make it of use to ourselves in many ways.

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E. LANTIER, Treasurer pro tem.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR EDITOR,

It seems a long time since we last wrote to you for the first number of the Magazine last January. Coming back after Christmas, we missed several familiar faces, but gladly welcomed some new ones, and the time has been passing very happily for us all. It seemed very strange not to see Miss Kitching, but we are thankful that she is now so much better, and we are looking forward to her return next term.

Miss Mottu is still with us, and we divide ourselves into Seniors, Juniors, and Sub-juniors, and take lessons with her for a month at a time.

The literary evenings are held once a fortnight, and we have spent some pleasant hours with Kingsley, Matthew Arnold, Tennyson, G. Eliot, and others. We enjoy them immensely, and find they afford delightful introductions to the various authors.

We had the good fortune to have fine weather during our holiday at Easter, and those of us who stayed here had a most enjoyable time. We went excursions every day—up Helvellyn, to Conistone, Keswick, Ullswater, Langdales, and others not quite so far afield. Several of us learnt to bicycle.

For the last month or six weeks we have been favoured with beautiful weather, and we are taking much pleasure in our evening walks.

We have had pleasant visits from Mrs. Franklin and Mrs. Steintal, and one afternoon Archdeacon Wilson came with his wife and gave us a most delightful lecture on the Leonids—the shooting stars of November. This week we have with us Miss Duriaux, who is giving us lectures every day on the Gouin method, which she illustrates by means of most perfect lessons, both to us and the children in the Practising School. Four of us give lessons to the others daily and are duly criticised by her. Her lectures are rousing our enthusiasm for the Gouin method. We are all (with the exception of those who are most concerned) looking forward with great pleasure to Mr. Rooper's visit, and also to seeing Mrs. Dallas Yorke, who both come at the end of the week.

Another new institution is a fourth class in the Practising School. Two girls (who hope to be among the students of the future) live in the village, and come up every day. This means three school mistresses each week, but we much enjoy the work and the girls also. About a fortnight ago, we went for a botanical excursion to Humphrey Head, near Grange. We found several plants not known in Ambleside, and altogether had a most successful day, largely owing to Miss Hodgson's arrangements. We all hope this expedition will not be the last of its kind.

We are sending a list of flowers found in April, as we thought that old students might find it interesting.

By the time this number of the Magazine comes out we all hope to be possessors of the badge. We are very pleased with the faithful representation of the character of the rush.

Hoping you will all have very pleasant holidays,

We remain, yours truly,

THE STUDENTS OF THE HOUSE OF EDUCATION.